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October 28, 2009 - Reply to Office Action dated April 28, 2009

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Examiner's Action mailed April 28, 2009. This response is believed to be timely filed (see Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181 filed October 5, 2009). The statutory fee of \$ 1,175.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment.

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

With the Official Action dated April 28, 2009, the Examiner made observation regarding the two last lines of the first claim (previously amended).

1. The sentence "so that the neckties is able to show, when knotted, three blades or only one blade, such as in an usual necktie" (lines 16-17) refers to **Figures 5a and 5b**. It refers to two different necktie configurations when it is worn by the user (Figures 5a and 5b, precisely), obtained simply by knotting the tie subject of this application in different ways.

By this Amendment, Applicant is amending the foregoing sentence adding reference characters corresponding to elements recited in the detailed description of the drawings enclosing them within parentheses according to MPEP § 608.01(m).

The new sentence is the following:

"so that the neckties is able to show, when knotted, three blades **(6a, 2, 4)** or only one blade **(4)**, such as in an usual necktie"

2. The phrase "if Knotted in another way and all this even if no neckties of the blade is made in a reversible fashion" refers to the fact that that largest blade L4 (Fig. 3) having a width L4 equal to or preferably higher than the diametrically opposed widths L2 and L6a of the blades 2 and 6a (Fig. 3), permits to the user to knot the tie even in a manner that it will look exactly like a traditional tie, thus showing, when worn by the user, the outwardly side of the blade 4 (fig.5b) and a traditional knot (20).

The foregoing phrase refers, in effect, to one of many benefits of the tie object of this patent application, explained with amendments filed 17 October 2008. It was included by mistake in the claim number one. Please excuse the error.

By this response, **Applicant is amending claim 1 (lines 17-18) adding the foregoing reference characters within parentheses (6a, 2, 4) and (4) and deleting the phrase "if knotted in another way and all this even if no blade of the necktie is made in a reversible fashion"**.

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Finally, the Applicant respectfully requests the adding of the following three new claims (26, 27, 28). These claims relate specifically to particular embodiments of the subject of this application, where one or more blades are double-faced and consequently they allow to the wearer to create additional combinations. According to 37 CFR 1.75(b), the Applicant believes that the new claims proposed are not included in those already submitted.

26. (New) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has at least one section (2, 3) of the first portion (P) made in a reversible fashion

27. (New) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has only the wide blade, constituted by the third section (4) of the first portion (P), made in a reversible fashion

28. (New) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has at least the second portion of fabric (6) made in a reversible fashion

In view of the previous and present amendments a favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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